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(c) Palmaner—

(i) 5 acres and 25 cents.

	During 1931–1932.	During 1932–1933.
(ii) Seed cocoons	51,450	109,495

Kuppan—

(i) 16 acres.

(ii) Seed cocoons	53,555	135,720

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" May I know why the sericultural operations are not tried in the Cuddapah district, when I believe Rayachoti taluk is suitable for it? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice, please."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Police

Recovery of the sum misappropriated in 1932 by the Head Clerk, Police Training School, Vellore.

536 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what steps were taken to recover the amount misappropriated in the year 1932 by the then head clerk of the Police Training School, Vellore, and what portion of the misappropriated amount has been recovered so far; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in the matter of tenders for the supply of horse-food to the Police Training School, Vellore, the principle of accepting the lowest tender is not being adhered to; if so, why?

A.—(a) The total amount misappropriated by the late head clerk was Rs. 6,736–11–9. A sum of Rs. 2,036–0–1 found in the office and in the purse of the head clerk, and sums of Rs. 500 deposited by him as security and of Rs. 161–4–0 standing to his credit in the General Provident Fund were adjusted towards the loss sustained by the Government. A sum of Rs. 2,400 was ordered to be recovered from the officer concerned and the balance of Rs. 1,639–7–8 was written off the accounts.

(b) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Local Self-Government

Measures for the formation of panchayat boards.

537 Q.—Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are taking any steps and, if so, what, to see that the village panchayat boards are formed in all the villages as early as possible;

(b) whether the formation of such panchayats is left to the voluntary efforts of the villagers; and

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(c) if any efforts are made to organize the panchayats as soon as possible, which the agency is through whom such efforts are made, and what the method of procedure is?

A.—(*a*) Yes; by educative propaganda.

(*b*) Primarily the villagers concerned should take the initiative by expressing their willingness to have a panchayat and to work it properly. The authorities set up for the purpose will do the rest.

(*c*) Every effort is being made to organize as many panchayats as possible consistently with sound policy and the possibility of effective control. District panchayat officers are the main agency; the procedure is that prescribed in the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

VI.—ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce that the Madras Forest (Amendment) Act, 1933, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 11th December 1933."

VII.—FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1933-34.

* The hon. Sir HOPETOUN STOKES:—" Sir, I beg to move that—

'*with a view to the filling up of the vacancy in the Standing Finance Committee caused by reason of the resignation by Mr. W. O. Wright of his seat in the Committee, this Council do proceed to elect a member of the said Committee*'."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to inform the House that with reference to Regulation 2 of the Regulations for holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. to-day as the time by which nominations of candidates for election of a member to the Finance Committee should be sent to the Secretary."

VIII.—DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1933-34.

GRANT VI—IRRIGATION (EXCLUDING CAUVERY-METTUR PROJECT)—RESERVED.

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move that—

'*the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 200 under Grant VI—Irrigation (excluding Cauvery-Mettur Project)—Reserved.*'

" This sum of Rs. 200 is intended to cover two items, Rs. 100 being for the closing of the Nethiletivarava breach in the Tsallacalva and